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SOURCE:

Government Hospital at Dobrich

1. Surgical instruments are very scarce; they are of German manufacture, some new, and others left over from war supplies. The operating theater of the Dobrich Hospital has only three injection syringes at its disposal. The Internal Diseases Department has two syringes. The only Soviet apparatus used is a primitive instrument for measuring blood pressure.
2. The hospital receives a very limited quantity of X-ray films of Germany manufacture in Soviet packing.
3. Crystalline penicillin of Soviet origin is available at a price of 2,000 to 3,000 leva (old currency) per 500,000 units. Streptomycin of American manufacture is available in limited quantities at a price of 2,500 leva per gram. Atebrin and plasmochin, both made by Bayer, are the only anti-malarial drugs used. Quinine is obtainable only occasionally. It is understood that paludrine is used by one doctor at Varna. As for sulfamides, Soviet-made streptocit is in general use; some supplies of a Hungarian drug called ultraseptil made by Chinodin are received; Swiss-made alcosin is obtained only occasionally. Penicillin (Penicillin "Nativ") used in penicillin ointment, is produced locally, probably by the Central Bacteriological Institute in Sofia. It retains its effectiveness for only a few days. Stovarsol, a Soviet drug for the treatment of skin diseases, is not used. Nothing is known of the use of macrodex, chloramphenicol, dextran, and perstom.

Miscellaneous Medical Information

4. There is a large number of blood donors at Dobrich, particularly among the gypsies. A card index of donors is kept in the surgical ward of the hospital. Whole blood is used for transfusion, but plasma is also used at the Aleksandrovka Hospital.¹
5. The Vocational Training Department of the Ministry of Health is located at No. 2 Graf Ignatiev Street in Sofia.

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6. [REDACTED] the following personalities:

- a. Simanto Avramov, head of the Junior Medical Training Department of the Ministry of Health, 32 years old, short, dark, Communist; general practitioner, lives at No. 78 Stamboliyski Street in Sofia;
- b. Vladislav Markov, professor at the Medical Academy, Sofia; approximately 73 years old, a distinguished bacteriologist, received a prize of 100,000 leva for producing penicillin in Bulgaria; and
- c. Professor Marko Markov, lecturer on forensic medicine (sic) at the Medical Academy, Sofia; approximately 55 years old.

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